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German Band And Dancers Together For First Time

“Alte Kameraden,” the Fairfax City German Band, and the Bavarian dance group, Alt-Washingtonia, will perform together for the first time ever at a special two-hour concert at Lake Accotink Park on Friday, August 25, 2006. This special Braddock Nights performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

Since the small ensemble began performing Bavarian village music in 1977, Alte-Kameraden’s festive spirit has made them one of the most popular ethnic bands in the Washington-Baltimore area. They were the first German band from North America to be admitted into the highly-regarded MON, Bavaria’s regional band association, and received the Federal Republic of Germany’s “Friendship Award” for their “cultural efforts on behalf of German-American relations.”

Alt-Washingtonia adds historic Alpine dances like the woodchoppers’ dance to the colorful program. Musicians create unusual tones by blowing Alphorns. Yodelers sing mountainous melodies while accordions, cow bells, and block flutes play folk music characteristic of the snowy mountains and verdant valleys of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Concerts are free and take place outdoors. Bring a picnic dinner and blankets, and sit back and enjoy the show. If there is a threat of bad weather call 703-324-SHOW after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates. Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Lake Accotink Park Road, Springfield.

Braddock Nights is made possible through the efforts of the Braddock District Supervisor, Friends of Braddock Nights, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the generous support of the local business community. Other Braddock Nights performances can be seen throughout the summer at Ossian Hall Park in Annandale and Royal Lake Park in the Kings Park West area.

For more information about any of the summer series contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or visit us online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>.

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